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SUBJECT: Public meeting will address university student housing

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The City of Duluth Planning Division will host a meeting focusing on the proposed University Housing Overlay, which is part of the newly released draft of the Unified Development Chapter (UDC) of the City of Duluth Legislative Code. This discussion is a follow up to the public meeting on September 17. Individuals who would like to participate in a focused discussion on university student housing are encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Reception Room on the Fourth Floor of City Hall. Members of the Clarion Associates team, consultants hired to assist City Planning staff in drafting the new land use regulations, will also be available to answer questions.

The purpose of the University Housing Overlay is to manage the impacts of university student housing demands on nearby residential neighborhoods. More specifically, its purpose is to identify and manage areas where conversion of single-family detached houses to student rooming houses will be discouraged. An additional purpose is to identify incentive areas near the universities where the construction of student housing will be encouraged.

The new UDC will replace *Chapter 50, Zoning Regulations*, and other sections of the City's Code dealing with zoning and development. It is anticipated to be adopted in summer 2010.

The public may also submit comments and review the draft regulations by visiting the City's web site at <http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/udc/index.cfm>

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